

tery system. The grants had been generally made for charitable purposes. The question now to be determined, was whether \$2,000 annually should be taken out of the treasury to pay this lottery commissioner, when the fees received by them were sufficient to pay them. The objection was urged that it would continue the system two years longer. By continuing it two years longer, there would be received into the treasury more than \$100,000. Would there be any crime in that? It was benevolence; and if people would indulge in this species of gambling, why should not the State derive the benefit from it. But it was doubtful whether the gentleman from Anne Arundel could wind up the system in five years by his plan. He [Mr. M.] had consulted the present lottery commissioners upon the subject, as well as ex-Governor Pratt, and others who were acquainted with the matter, and they all approved of his amendment, as the only mode by which the system could be wound up in seven years.

Mr. SPENCER inquired what was the amount received by the commissioner at present, including his salary.

Mr. DONALDSON replied that the report of March, 1848, stated the amount to be \$2,579, in addition to the salary of \$1,250; making in all \$3,829; but it had increased since that time.

Mr. SPENCER said he was opposed to the amendment. He was opposed to all contingent salaries. He was in favor of fixed salaries, so that every body could understand them.

Mr. DONALDSON proposed a modification, which was accepted, and is incorporated above in Mr. Tuck's proposition, to render it certain that the lottery commissioner would only receive the fixed salary allowed; and proceeded to show that it was for the interest of the whole community that the system should be closed up at the earliest possible date.

Mr. GRASON preferred that the section should be stricken out altogether, and that the whole matter should be left to the Legislature. It would take at least a week to devise a proper lottery system. He was opposed to the section as reported, for several reasons. There ought to be a correction of present abuses. He had had occasion to examine the whole subject; and he had found that the commissioners receiving fees upon the sale of grants, would sell new grants, just as they were going out of office. Formerly there had been three commissioners but in 1841, a law had been passed reducing the number to two, and reducing the salary to \$1,250, taking away the payment of clerk. This had led to the resort to extra fees. He was satisfied that the sum proposed was never too large. There was a single officer who had the receipt of an immense sum of money in the course of the year, and who might turn it to his own uses, if he was a dishonest man. It was absolutely necessary to have a clerk. The labor of the office would be very heavy, and it was necessary that one or both should be present at the drawing of

every lottery. He should prefer that the section should be stricken out altogether.

Mr. JOHN NEWCOMER moved the previous question.

On motion of Mr. SPENCER,

The House was called and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members.

Mr. McHENRY moved to suspend further proceedings under the call.

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. SPENCER, the Convention resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the doorkeeper.

Mr. JOHN NEWCOMER submitted the following order.

*Ordered*, That when this Convention adjourns to-night, it stands adjourned until Monday morning next at 9 o'clock.

Which was twice read and adopted.

Mr. MAGRAW submitted sundry accounts, Which were read and referred to the committee on accounts.

Mr. MAGRAW from the select committee, submitted the following report:

The undersigned appointed under an order passed on the 28th ult., respectfully report that in pursuance of said order they have examined the record of the journal of proceedings which has been kept by the secretary of the Convention, and find from the examination which they have been able to make that as far as completed it is an accurate transcript of the proceedings. It will require several weeks to finish the record, and by an order which recently passed the Convention, the secretary has had other labors imposed upon him which will require much of his time after the adjournment of the Convention. In consideration of the arduous duties which have devolved upon the secretary during the session of the Convention, the committee would recommend that his per diem should be increased, and that it should extend to such a period as will enable him to complete the extra duties imposed upon him. Your committee therefore respectfully submit the following resolutions.

SAMUEL M. MAGRAW,  
GEORGE C. MORGAN,  
J. M. S. McCUBBIN.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of this Convention be directed to have prepared a manuscript record of the proceedings of the Convention, and to have the same placed in the State Library.

*Resolved*, That the committee on accounts be directed to pay to George G. Brewer, secretary of the Convention, as compensation for his services, six dollars per diem from the commencement of the session to the 1st day of June next, in lieu of all other compensation.

Which was read.

Mr. WELCH moved to amend said resolution by inserting after the word "secretary," the words "and assistant secretary."

Determined in the negative.

Mr. SPENCER moved to amend said resolution